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Five QUESTIONS

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People of England.

1. IF the present King came for the good of England, and not for his *own ends* at the Nations Cost; Why then did he not embrace and improve the happy occasion of *King James*'s voluntary return from *Feversham*, since it is plain, he could have no other thing in his Eye, by his coming and message to *King William*, and Invitation of him to St *James*'s, then an *Accomodation*, for he put himself thereby into *King William's* hands and had hardly any other use of his own then to sign a National Agreement?

2. Whether since that very time the Hand of *God* has not eminently shown it self against *King William* for that unnatural Ambitious, and destructive refusal, and treatement of his Father, first by the *perplexity* that fell immediately upon him about the very thing he desired, viz. the *Crown*, witness the hot contest in the Convention, and with what *Closetting Threats*, *Bribes*, *Promises*, &c. he carried it, and with that small advantage of Votes above his opposers, that any Law would stand loosely that had no better concurance at its making; In the next place, by the *Baffles* upon his Forces by Sea and Land by the hand of Man, and by the visible severe Hand of God, insomuch that no time or age, these six Hundred Years, can parralel such a Years loss of *Men*, *Treasure* and *Shipping*, as this poor Kingdom has sustained since the coming of this present King. Lastly, the many *factions* and great *instability* of Councels, such as God is accustomed to bring upon those that devise mischief, or seek themselves, or abuse the providences of God?

3. Whether yet it be too late to *retrive* this matter, and recover this bleeding Nation, in case *King William* and *Queen Mary* would return to their natural and Christian Duty to their Father, and incline to forgo their present *untimely* and *perplexed Dignity*; and that thereby a good agreement may not be made for our Religion, Laws and Liberties, without more *Blood*, *Treasure* and *Misery*?

4. Whether if *King William* and *Queen Mary*, will not do this, the *People* for their own sakes, ought not to think of the next best expedient, to compel them to it, as by *addressing* them for their Fathers return, and by *Refusing their Purses* in the maintenance of their unjust quarrel against him, and perticularly, by oppressing *forreign Mercinary* Forces, that are half of them of that very Religion their Lawful King is expelled for professing, and which are all of them brought in without *Advice or Consent of Parliament*, & a Parliament then setting: A thing without president for above a Thousand Years, and what was never done by the greatest and most arbitrary of our lawful and undoubted Kings of *England*, and never attempted but by *Vortigern*, the last British King, who to uphold his usurpation of the Crown, called in the *Saxons*, by which the Kingdom became a Conquest to that People?

5. Whether if the *People* of England shall suffer themselves to be so far impos'd upon, that against the Eminent Hand of God and their own Intrest, they will persevere in the upholding the title of *King William* and *Queen Mary for that is the quarrel*, and so it is, must and will be stated, all other things being by *King James* already granted in his *soft and gracious Letter* to the Convention, this time twelve Month, which they would not vouchsafe to read, but has often been made publick, containing the *correction of past Errors*, *the oblivion of our present Faults*, the *Establishment of the Protestant Religion*, by secureing the Church of England in her Rights, and the Dissenters in their Liberty, desiring no more for his own Friends *then in their own Houses*, and refering the whole to a free Parliament?

Whether I say the *Blood*, *Misery* and *Destruction* that shall follow an obstinate opposition to a lawful King, offering these *Good* and *Gracious Terms*, will not lye at our doors, before God and Men, and so make it Just in him, to acquire his Kingdoms at any price, and rule them, if he Succeed, how he pleaseth?

Hear, *Fear* and *Beware*.

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